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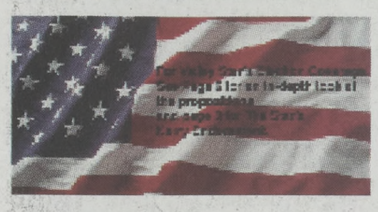

Menchu Visits Valley

JORGE GALLEGOS / VALLEY STAR

HONOR VISIT - Nobel Peace prize winner Rigoberta Menchu awaits for a presentation of a scholarship honor in her name. The scholarship was given by the ASU and MECHA during Menchu's visit at Monarch Hall.

BY SUSAN MALTBY AND MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITERS

Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Laureate, spoke in Monarch Hall on Monday, Oct. 25 to share her message of achievement through action.

"Each person is born with a special mission to cultivate this spirituality," said Menchu, speaking through interpreter Madeline Rios. "It's important to have that spirituality and know your mission in life."

More than 250 students and faculty attended the lecture and had an opportunity to meet Menchu and have a copy of her book signed.

Deborah Harrington, Stars project director, helped organize the event and spoke about its the importance bringing everyone together.

"In this room are all these different backgrounds and cultures, but the thing that unites us is education," she said.

"The goal of Stars is to bring the outside world to students so they can experience life beyond our Valley and campus," said Tyree Wieder, President of Valley College.

Menchu won the Nobel peace prize in 1992 for her humanitarian efforts to help indigenous people around the world and promote intercultural peace. According to the website Nobelprize.org, Menchu also worked as the organizer abroad of resistance to oppression in her home country of Guatemala and the struggle for Indian peasant peoples' rights.

The morning began with the strong steady beat of the White Buffalo Singers who sat on stage in a circle offering blessings.

Medicine man Peter Catches, a 38th generation Oglala Lakota raised a spotted eagle feather out over the audience and sang a prayer to bless the event.

"What we aspire here will go out to touch all people," Catches said.

Menchu spoke about the importance of working together, stressing how community starts with your family and how that carries over to work, school and the world.

"War comes from trying to take over and hoard the wealth of people," said Menchu, "that brings so much suffering."

Menchu was born on January 9, 1959 and raised in the Quiche branch of the Mayan culture. As a young girl she witnessed the poverty and brutality that her people suffered.

Her own father, Vicente Menchu was imprisoned, beaten and in 1980 killed in an army attack during a protest.

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Black Box Warning Implemented

■ **The FDA enforces sternest of medical labels on antidepressants.**

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

The Food and Drug Administration ordered "black box" warning labels on all antidepressants prescribed to youth. New labels alert parents of possible suicide risk for children and adolescents.

FDA Commissioner Dr. Lester Crawford said that the agency seeks to balance the risk of suicidal behavior against the known benefits of treating depression in children. The new labels will also encourage prescribers to balance risk with clinical need.

In a collaborative effort, the FDA's and manufacturers' "unit of sale" packaging will make sure every medication has all information necessary, including an accompanying user guide to describe warning signs of depression, irritability, and unusual changes in behavior. It urges supervising adults to contact a doctor immediately at the first sign of concern.

Suicidal thoughts and behaviors surfaced in more than 4,400 patients taking antidepressants, during the first few months of taking medication or after dosage changes in recent clinical trials by the Center of Drug Evaluation and Research.

Celexa, Zoloft and Prozac had fewer incidents than Paxil, Luvox and Effexor which posed higher risks of suicidal thoughts and behavior in children, according Healthyplace.com.

Newly labeled drugs include: Anafranil, Aventil, Celexa, Cymbalta, Desyrel, Effexor, Lexapro, Luvox, Marplan, Nardil, Norpramin, Paxil, Prozac, Remeron, Symbax,

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More Nursing Department Changes

■ **Nursing department says goodbye to fourth department chair in five years.**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR

After a recall election last month, Mary Cox replaced Carole Rosales as health science department chair and director of nursing at Valley College. Cox replaces Rosales who served only a year and a half of her three-year term.

"It's a positive change," said Cox. "The whole focus is not to improve the faculty so much as it is to improve the product for the students."

Cox has served as assistant department chair for the last year and a half and has been a tenured faculty member for four years.

"I want to set the theme for the department as one of welcome and focus. We need to work collaboratively," said Cox. "The new way of teaching is not objectives but outcomes. We are focused on helping students learn rather than just leading them."

Unlike other departments at Valley, the director of nursing position is a full time job. The director of nursing and health science department chair has no

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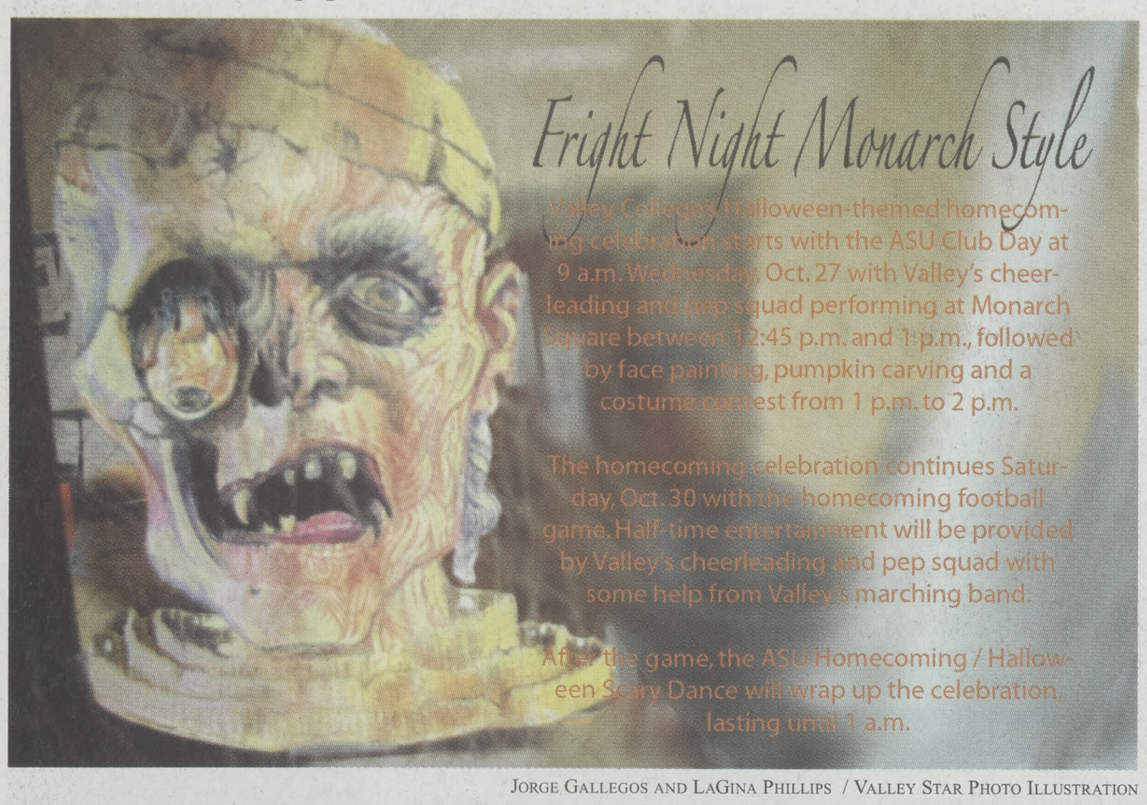

Fright Night Monarch Style
Valley College's Halloween-themed homecoming celebration starts with the ASU Club Day at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 with Valley's cheerleading and pep squad performing at Monarch Square between 12:45 p.m. and 1 p.m., followed by face painting, pumpkin carving and a costume contest from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
The homecoming celebration continues Saturday, Oct. 30 with the homecoming football game. Half-time entertainment will be provided by Valley's cheerleading and pep squad with some help from Valley's marching band.
After the game, the ASU Homecoming / Halloween Scary Dance will wrap up the celebration, lasting until 1 a.m.

JORGE GALLEGOS AND LAGINA PHILLIPS / VALLEY STAR PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Coming Home Again: Students Return to Teach

■ **Final in a three-part series reflecting Valley College's history.**

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS AND TIFFANY FARMAKIS
STAFF WRITERS

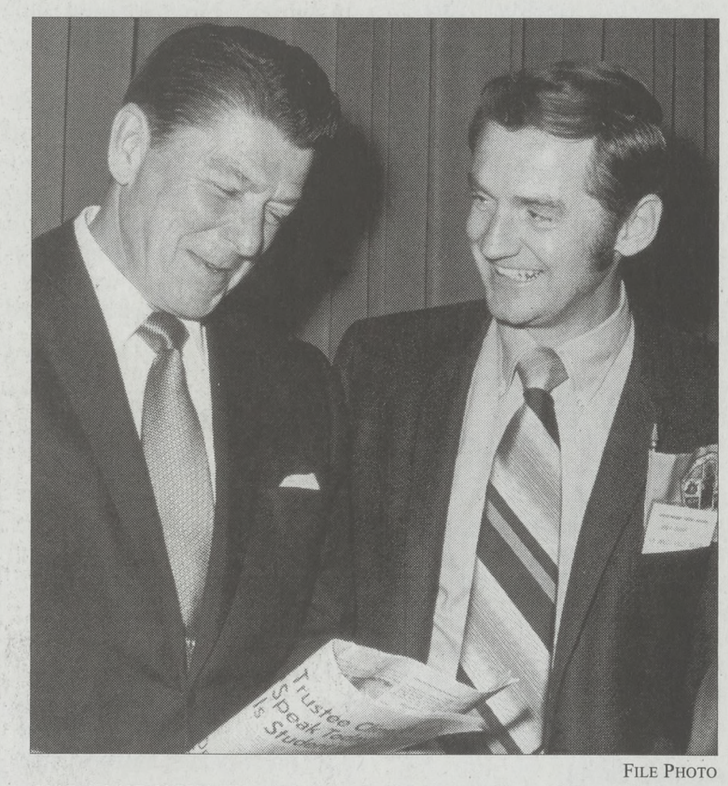
What do an eccentric pilot, a German photographer and a world traveler have in common? Besides the fact that they have all been Valley College instructors for more than three decades, they are all former Valley students.

Richard Raskoff has been an earth science professor at Valley for 41 years, but his history with the college didn't begin there.

"As a student I started in fall '56 or '58, when there was no tuition and books were only $6," said Raskoff, remembering what Valley was like when he was a student. "I was a member of a fraternity – we had fraternities and sororities!"

Raskoff reached over and drew his fraternity's symbol.

"I was with Kappa Psy," he continued. "We had the head makeup artist for Star Trek, Mark Trunk make us up for the Spring Sing," he said, explaining that the Spring Sing was a sing-off the fraternities and sororities competed in. "It was great."



FILE PHOTO

THEN AND NOW - Then California Governor, Ronald Reagan is presented with a copy of the Valley Star by journalism instructor Roger Graham, adviser of the paper at the time.

Following Valley, Raskoff went to UCLA where he majored in geology, but after only two years he decided to transfer to Northridge and switch majors.

Shortly thereafter, he was approached by two of his mentors from Valley and asked whether he would consider obtaining his master's

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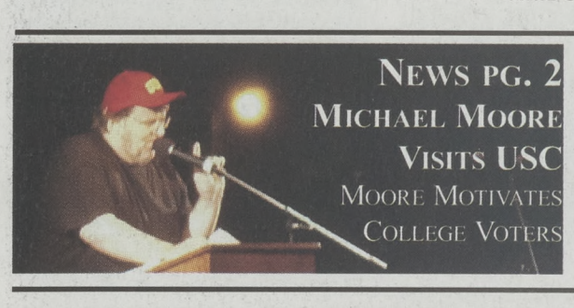

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In a historic decision, the Israeli parliament voted Tuesday to back Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to pull Israeli troops and settlements out of Gaza and a tiny portion of the West Bank, lands claimed by the Palestinians.

NATIONAL:

CO-PILOT ERROR CAUSED 2001 CRASH:
An American airline safety agency reported Tuesday that the co-pilot of Flight 587 caused the November 2001 crash in Queens, New York, which claimed the lives of 265 people.

STATE:

OTCA INCREASES FARE:
On Jan. 2, the Orange County Transportation Authority will increase bus fares from $1 to $1.25 to eliminate a $3-million deficit and help pay for future transit services. This is the first fare increase in over 13 years.

CAMPUS EYE

HALLOWEEN HOMECOMING PEP RALLY/ CLUB DAY:
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Monarch Square.

HALLOWEEN DANCE:
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 9 p.m. at Monarch Hall.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL MEETING:
Thursday, Oct. 28, 1 p.m. at CC104

ETUDES LUNCH N' LEARN:
Thursday, Oct. 28,
1 p.m.- 2 p.m. at Monarch Den.

THINK TRANSFER

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CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP:
Wednesday Oct. 27, 1 p.m. and Thursday Oct. 28, 5:30 at Administration 126.

CAREER/ TRANSFER CENTER OCTOBER REPRESENTATIVE VISITS:

UC BERKELEY: BLACK RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CENTER:
Wednesday Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m. at Monarch Square.

CSUN:
Monday Nov. 1, 11 a.m- 1 p.m.. at Monarch Square.

PACIFIC OAKS:
Tuesday Nov. 2, 9 a.m- 11 a.m.. at Monarch Square.

CAL STATE L.A.:
Wednesday Nov. 3, 9 a.m- 11 a.m.. at Monarch Square.

UCLA:
Wednesday Nov. 3, 10 a.m- 3: 30 a.m.. at Monarch Square.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES:

UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM:
Wednesday Oct. 27, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Administration 126.

WOODBURY UNIVERSITY DAY:
Thursday Oct. 28, 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. at Monarch Square.

Valley Star Staff Wins Big at JACC

■ **The Valley Star took home many awards including General Excellence.**

1st PLACE ON-THE-SPOT NEWS PHOTO

BOB TEICHMANN / VALLEY STAR

STORY OF DARKNESS - Editor-in-Chief Dennis Anderson of the Antelope Valley Press recalls his time as an embedded reporter in Iraq during a speaking engagement at California State University Fullerton Oct. 16. Anderson used photos of military servicemen as a backdrop for his stories.

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Valley Star staff and advisers claimed a multitude of awards at the recent Southern California conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, Oct. 15.

At the top of the landslide of honors was the coveted "General Excellence Award," the California community college equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize. The award, given to only four publications this year, represents JACC's highest honor.

Michael Ordoña, award-winning former editor in chief from spring '03, said, "4-0 is an honor and the results of great work by the whole staff, but mostly a testament to the hard work of our advisers, Bill Dauber and Rod Lyons, who have been able to uphold such a high quality paper with the high turnover of community college students."

The two-day conference, held at Cal State Fullerton, included 26 schools from Southern California. The event featured competitions for mail-in entries from the spring 2004 semester and on-the-spot contests.

Among the staff's individual winners, senior staff member and Opinion Editor Susan Maltby, won four on-the-spot awards for feature writing, broadcast news writing, copy editing and editorial writing.

"I am very happy and grate-

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For more information on the Journalism Association of Community Colleges and to see a complete list of winners, go online to **www.jacconline.com**

CAMPUS CRIME

Armed Man Arrested

BY ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Possession

On Tuesday Oct. 12 a Hispanic male was arrested for possession of a weapon and controlled substance.

Officer Ramos responded to a complaint about a male wearing a gray sweat suit who was allegedly breaking into cars in lot A. Since there have been numerous car burglaries at lot A Ramos detained the suspect and after found after searching him a knife and 4 tablets resembling Vicodin. The suspect was arrested and transported to W. Hollywood Sheriff Station.

The Valley College Sheriff's Department asks that anyone with information regarding any of these incidents to please call the department at (818) 947-2911.

Proposition Preview

■ **There are several propositions on November's ballot to consider.**

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS AND ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITERS

California voters will be deciding Nov. 2 on the 16 propositions on the ballot, including the controversial stem cell research proposition, the rewriting of the "Three Strikes" law and the revenues from Indian Casinos.

Proposition 71 – Stem Cell Research

Perhaps one of the most controversial, Proposition 71 - Stem Cell Research Funding, would establish a constitutional right to perform stem-cell research, with the funds for the research coming from the sale of $3 billion in state bonds. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is among the many supporters of Proposition 71.

"Research that we do now holds the promise of cures for tomorrow. California has always been a pioneer…We are the world's bio-tech leader and Prop. 71 will help ensure that we maintain that position while saving lives in the process," he said in an Oct. 18 statement. "I encourage Californians to join me in voting for Prop. 71."

Supporters say an estimated 128 million Americans suffer from diseases and injuries that could be treated or cured with stem cell therapies. In fact, these medical conditions, such as cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and spinal cord injuries affect someone in nearly half of all families, according to the Yes on 71 website. **website address?**

Some think that the proposition would be detrimental to California's already wavering debt.

"Proposition 71 is fiscally unwise and will lead California further into debt," said Tim Rosales at Johnson Clark Associates, who strongly opposes Proposition 71.

Proposition 66 – Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law

If the controversial "Three Strikes" law revision were passed, it would require increased sentences of 25 years when the current conviction is for a specified violent or serious felony. It also redefines violent and serious felonies to mean that only when a prior conviction is specified as a violent or serious felony, brought and tried separately, would it qualify for second and third "strike" sentence increases. If passed, the law would allow conditional resentencing of people with sentences under the current "Three Strikes" law if previous sentencing offenses or prior convictions, would no longer qualify as violent or serious felonies. The proposition would also increase punishment for specified sex crimes against children.

"I support Proposition 66 because I support 'Three Strikes' for violent repeat felons, not minor offenses. Proposition 66 restores my intent when I voted for 'Three Strikes' in 1994," said Jim Benson, spokesperson at Citizens Against Violent Crimes.

"It's just plain ridiculous, too costly and unjust to lock people up 25 years to life for writing bad checks, making false applications on real estate loans, stealing golf clubs, shoplifting or just using drugs," said Joe Klaas, whose granddaughter's, Polly Klaas', 1993 murder was widely seen as catalyzing the "Three Strikes" law.

"We believe Proposition 66 is a lie," said California

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Slacker Uprising Tour at USC

■ **Documentary film maker, Michael Moore, speaks to students about politics, nationalism and his film "Fahrenheit 9/11".**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR

Michael Moore, Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker, came to USC on Oct. 14 to encourage college students to cast ballots against President Bush in the upcoming election.

Between 3,500 and 4,000 students and fans attended the free event at 7:45 p.m. at McCarthy Quad. Several Iraq soldiers and their family members shared letters and political views and Moore promoted his new bestselling book, "Will They Ever Us Trust Again? Letters From the War Zone." The event also featured a performance by Tom Morello of the band "Rage Against the Machine."

More than 20 men and women stood after Moore called upon all the veterans in the audience to stand to be applauded for their bravery and

KHADIJA ABDULLAH / VALLEY STAR

WORDS AT TROY - Academy Award-winning director Michael Moore speaks at the University of Southern California Oct. 14. More than 6,500 people were in attendance.

contribution to the country.

"I'm a veteran and first-time voter," said Jeff Sardegna, 32, a USC political science major, who served in the Marine Corps on the Bella Woods during the Gulf War. "I'm voting specifically to get George Bush out of office. I believe he lied to the American people."

The USC Program Board and School of Cinema-Television sponsored the public event and paid Moore's $50,000 fee to bring the

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Students Caught for Booknapping

■ **Students were arrested and later released after stealing books from the student bookstore.**

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Two Valley College students stole two books and a package, totaling $150 in value, from the student bookstore Wednesday, and not only were there no charges pressed, but the thieves only returned one of the two books.

"The bookstore reported a theft to the sheriff's office and I answered the call," said detective Jeff M. Spelatz, who detained the thieves. "The kids matched the description and turned out to be the suspects who admitted to the crime."

An anonymous eyewitness said, "I had a feeling they wanted to steal the books since they walked in the store and kept looking around, going back and forth between the health and political science sections."

A bookstore clerk became suspicious after offering to help the suspects and discovering that they were unsure of book titles or authors.

"I went to the back of the store to let someone else know what was going on and when I came back I saw one of them put a book in his pants – around his waist – and I looked away" the witness said. "They walked out of the store [through] the customer service area, not through any of the registers and I was asked to follow them and see which direction they headed."

For the Record

In the Oct. 13, 2004 issue of The Valley Star, photographs of Mark Hein were incorrectly credited as Billy Koegler. Mark Hein portrayed Korlov while Billy Koegler , who portrayed Commodore Russell was not shown in The Valley Star's coverage of "The Kursk." The Minister was played by Mark Hein. In the Gallery, Sean Schwartz' name was misspelled.

Also, Chicano studies is part of the sociology and ethnic studies department.

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OPINION

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

EACH WEEK, THE VALLEY STAR EXAMINES AN ISSUE FROM TWO SIDES.
THIS WEEK: **IS STEM CELL RESEARCH ETHICAL?**

■ **Make your voice heard! Participate in the online poll at *www.lavalleystar.com***

Playing Politics With the Sick

■ **Stem cell research is unethical and impractical, not medicine's modern miracle.**

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

The value of life shouldn't be determined by the whims of scientists.

Once again, stem cell research is a political hot button. Scientists, biotech companies and patients' groups continue their campaign to force President Bush to change his funding policy. Sen. John Kerry accused the president of "sacrificing science for ideology and playing politics with people who need cures," adding that treatments "could be right at our fingertips" were it not for "the stem cell ban."

Kerry's attack distorts the president's policy, underestimates the financial responsibilities and ignores the weighty moral issues involved.

Stem cells are human cells that have not yet differentiated to form bones, organs or tissue. They can develop into specialized cells like heart, skin and nerve cells.

For patients with cell-destroying diseases like cancer and Alzheimer's these vital cells could provide a cure.

This is where the controversy hinges; on could, not would.

Scientists are still unable to determine if these moral and ethical landmines have the ability to cure. In reality the research is still in a state of infancy. Scientists aren't trying to discover a cure for Parkinson's using stem cells - they're seeing if the possibility of discovering a Parkinson's cure by using stem cells even exists.

On Nov. 2, California voters will decide the fate of Proposition 71, "The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act." This initiative would provide $3 billion in state funds for embryonic-, cord blood and adult stem cell research over the next ten years.

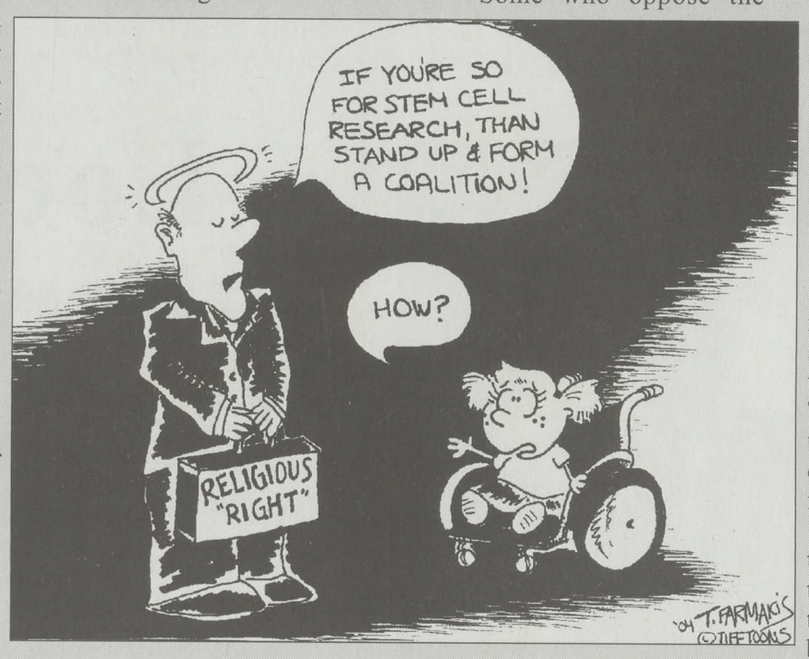
Why should Californians be interested in launching this costly initiative when vital programs for health, education, police and fire services are being cut? The state cannot afford to pile an additional $3 billion in bonded debt on top of a state budget wavering on the brink of financial ruin.

Let's not forget the moral implications. At what point can we assume that an embryo is not a person or more importantly at what point does a human life become a human person?

Life is not a figment of the imagination. There are not lines that distinguish when a person "spontaneously" develops. There is only one logical conclusion: that human life begins at the stage of the zygote, the moment of conception. This is not faith; this is reason.

Embryonic stem cell research must not be funded if it destroys human life … and it does. The present technique for obtaining embryonic stem cells results in the death of a developing human life at its most innocent stage.

While saving lives and relieving human suffering are the goals of all legitimate medical research, we can never condone the killing of human life in order to reach these goals. Our government must preserve the rights of all Americans, the most basic being life itself.



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Cell-Fulfilling Prophecy

■ **It isn't test tube murder: New research methods can help find cures.**

BY NORA HARROP
STAFF WRITER

Some pro-life groups such as Lutherans for Life are asking that Christopher Reeve's untimely death not be used as a way to promote embryonic stem cell research.

Good idea. Let's instead use his life to promote it.

The quality of life for a paraplegic, or lack thereof, could be improved for future generations if funding for more research is provided.

Proposition 71, if passed, would provide that funding.

Some who oppose the proposition are screaming about human rights for the embryos.

Think of looking at a tiny dot on this page, one the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

Now imagine telling a sick child that there is no cure for his diabetes because that small black speck was ruled just as important, if not more important than he is in the scope of human life.

Referring to potentially life-saving stem cell research as abortion or destruction of human life is inane.

Many people who oppose embryonic stem cell research support adult stem cell research. They will tell you that nothing can be learned from embryonic stem cells and that no diseases will ever be cured from it.

The truth is that embryonic stem cell research has more potential than adult stem cell research because the cells are not developed. The embryos can be manipulated into nerve tissue or organs with just a few cells from a donor.

This eliminates one of the major dangers in organ transplants: rejection of the transplanted organ by the body's immune system.

Some conservatives argue that excess embryos from in vitro fertilization clinics are, and ought to be, saved for adoption by infertile couples as an alternative to research use.

What will those adoptive parents tell their children when they want to know who the birth parents are? These will be children who do not need to be born.

They will come with the burden of having life but no family history – merely to satisfy somebody else's uneasy sense of moral self-righteousness.

A human embryo should certainly be respected as the seed of life, but the idea that people are killing fetuses for research is abhorrently misleading. A fertilized embryo has the potential to become a fetus first, then a baby and ultimately a person, but only within a womb.

It's time for embryonic stem cell research opponents to stop hiding an anti-abortion agenda behind a weak veil of medical disgust.

Medical researchers aren't in the business of farming a crop of babies for infertile couples or anybody else.

Besides, millions of children conceived worldwide without the help of a petri dish need loving homes.

Can't Count On E-Voting

■ **Problems with technology may lead to election errors.**

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

If the tension caused by the outcome of the last election isn't enough, unreliable and controversial electronic voting machines will be used for this election.

Because the machines do not leave a paper trail, they are incapable of doing a recount

E-voting sounds like a good idea. That is until you realize that without the ability to recount, a situation similar to what happened in Florida in 2000 could throw the credibility of the entire election into the mud.

In a race where both candidates and their respective parties have been accused of being dishonest and unreliable and where projections are so close, there will most likely be a recount.

No matter who wins, electronic voting will only escalate the already imminent problem.

The machines, which failed in both testing and usage in the past, have their credibility currently being questioned.

The Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Rutgers University filed a lawsuit arguing the reliability of the machines Wednesday.

They claim the machines "have lost votes, had technical malfunctions during elections and have attributed votes cast for one candidate to an opponent."

Because the projections are so close, with both the Democratic and Republican sides claiming they're ahead, no matter which candidate wins, they will be accused of stealing the election.

Not to mention that the machines are placed where most of the election problems occurred in the past (Florida), as well as in other major swing states.

The few machines that could leave a paper trail had glitches. Some of the language was switched to Spanish. The flawed machines were still bought and put to use.

This issue could be a major cause of post-election chaos.

For now, we can't count on e-voting.

There are just too many glitches to be used to make a

Campus View

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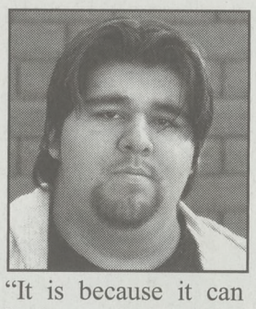
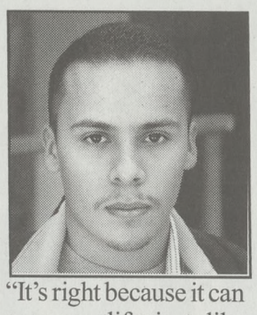
Stem Cell Research: Is It Ethical?



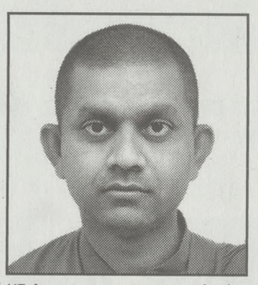
"It is because it can help cure disease. Yet, it could cause cancer."

-Michael Peieyra



"It's right because it can preserve life just like donating a kidney."

-Armando Bonilla



"It's necessary to help people but wrong because it takes away a life."

-Dartanian Hightower

"No. They're killing another human being. They should find an alternative."

- Veronica Meza

Letter to the Editor

A few employees and students have noticed that Bibb, a beautiful cat, disappeared from the Math Science cat feeding station around October 15th. A few weeks earlier, Calico, another beauty, also disappeared from the same station, The caretakers, employees and students are deeply troubled. This area was the cats' home, and they would not have left voluntarily.

If anyone has adopted these cats, please leave a note in the feeding station so we can have some peace of mind. We try to find good homes for our adoptable cats, but if they just disappear, we worry.

Ann Harootyan
Reading Center, B57

THE VALLEY STAR PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT

A Stronger America Won't Get Fooled Again

■ **The staff of The Valley Star endorses John Kerry for president because he's a better man for the job.**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR

The world is a better place without Saddam Hussein in power, but America has taken a nose-dive since Bush took office.

Our feelings as voters can be epitomized by the muddled quote and now famous Bush-ism: "Fool me once, shame on me; Fool me twice, won't get fooled again."

Bush sucks. Let's review the reasons why.

Bush let down American families by not addressing increased health care costs, college tuition or rising gas prices. He let children down by underfunding No Child Left Behind by $27 billion in his last four budgets, according to the President's FY 2005 Budget.

Keep in mind that through it all, Bush did manage to provide trillion dollar tax cuts for the wealthy.

The economy has suffered with the Bush Administration turning a record surplus into a record deficit as American people lost 1.8 million private sector jobs.

He cut funding for alternative energy options and Bush has consistently worked with big oil companies to block bipartisan efforts to increase fuel efficiency and decrease oil consumption.

Bush's health care record is just as sickening.

The amount spent on prescription drugs nationwide has more than doubled over the past five years, from $87 billion in 1998 to $184 billion in 2003. Americans are spending more on prescription drugs today than ever before, according to a February study conducted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Our national security is now more insecure than ever. Even before invading Iraq, the Bush administration knew that the huge facility, Al Qaqaa, contained nearly 380 tons of deadly explosives.

Despite the fact that they knew exactly where this facility was, they took no action to secure or protect the site.

Due to the incompetence of the Bush Administration and their incomprehensible failure to plan, these explosives have disappeared.

It's time for America to wake up and smell the dishonesty.

Unlike Bush, John Kerry and John Edwards will stand up for America's values and they have a plan to build an America that is strong at home and respected in the world.

They are committed to a strong economy focused on good-paying jobs, a health care plan that reduces costs and an energy plan free from Middle East oil.

Kerry/Edwards will foster strong alliances that will keep America safe and secure.

Four more years of the Bush Administration would continue to be the source of unparalleled economic disaster for this country.

The president's war in Iraq, a diversion from the larger fight against terrorism, is the one issue on which polls suggest Bush has an advantage over Kerry. The war remains the campaign's dominant theme. But republicans need to realize that Bush's foreign policy is the source of perpetual global unrest and ongoing murderous chaos.

Creating and sustaining war may help Bush get elected, but sacrificing lives and national security for the sake of winning votes is not only a travesty, it's downright evil.

"Mr. President, you can choose to ignore the facts, but in the end you can't hide the truth from the American people," Kerry said recently in a Tampa Bay appearance. "Your mismanagement of the war has in fact made Iraq and America less safe and less secure than they could have been and that they should have been today."

Kerry's senior advisor Joe Lockhart summed up Bush's strategy recently: "[Bush] is running a campaign that for months now has primarily been based on distortion and mischaracterization and taking things out of context," said Lockhart. "It is now a fundamentally dishonest campaign from a fundamentally dishonest president."

Next week we can right Bush's wrongs and cast our ballots for truth and integrity.

We'll vote in support of Kerry/Edwards.

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Wednesday, Oct. 27

Ari Hest
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Roxy Theatre, Hollywood
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Menopause the Musical
8 p.m.
Coronet Theatre, Los Angeles
$42.50

Interpol
8 p.m.
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$24

Thursday, Oct. 28

Sheila Zimmerman, flute, Elaine Lister, harp
11:30 a.m.
Music Recital Hall

Dry Kill Logic
7 p.m.
The Whisky, Hollywood
$15

Sound Tribe Sector 9
8 p.m.
Avalon Hollywood, Hollywood
$20

Interpol
8 p.m.
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$24

Friday, Oct. 29

Metric
7 p.m.
El Rey Theatre, Los Angeles
$15

Megadeth
7 p.m.
Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood
$25

Jimmy Eat World
7:30 p.m.
Henry Fonda Theatre, Los Angeles
$20.50

The Roots
11 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip, Hollywood
$35

Saturday, Oct. 30

Good Charlotte and Sum 41
7:15 p.m.
Universal Amphitheatre, Universal City
$29.50

Courtney Love
9 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$27.50

Sunday, Oct. 31

Rilo Kiley
8 p.m.
Mayan Theater, Los Angeles
$18

The Roots
8 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip, Hollywood
$35

Monday, Nov. 1

Lamb of God & Fear Factor with Throwdown and Children of Bodom
6 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip, Hollywood
$20

Metal Skool
9 p.m.
Roxy Theater, Hollywood
$12.50

Tuesday, Nov. 2

The Roots
7 p.m.
House of Blues Anaheim, Anaheim
$35

Aint Misbehavin
8 p.m.
Demo Facility, Los Angeles
$12

Rich Little Brings Bogart to Valley

■ **Award-winning performers bring a taste of the '40s to Valley College.**

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Comedian Rich Little, dubbed "the best impressionist in the world" in the late 1960s, is starring in Andrew Fenady's "The Man with Bogart's Face," coming to Valley College's Main Stage Theatre Saturday, October 30.

Little, who became a regular on "Dean Martin Celebrity Roasts" in 1973, has been a household name for decades, perfecting his craft by doing impressions of everyone from Robin Williams to Sen. Bob Dole.

"Rich does Bogart better than anyone I've ever seen or heard," said producer and director Peggy Webber, who describes the play as a combination of nostalgia and spoof. "And Andrew [Fenady] wrote during that era [1940s] and can also see the comedy looking back at it."

A spoof on the detective genre of the 1940s, "The Man with Bogart's Face" is described as a comedic mystery and boasts an award-winning cast of seasoned performers, including Leslie Easterbrook of "Police Academy" fame, Ian Abercrombie, who most recently played Alfred on the WB's short-lived series "Birds of Prey" and Marvin Kaplan, former president of the AFTRA union.

Fenady adapted the novel "Bogart's Face" into a feature film, which won an award at the Cannes Film Festival. He adapted the story once again, this time as a radio and stage play.

Many of the show's characters are based on either real people or characters involved in Bogart's life; the character of the secretary spoofs Marilyn Monroe, while another character is based on Lauren Bacall.

Fenady has received three Emmy awards for his work and has written 10 published novels, three plays and numerous television specials featuring Angela Lansbury, Roddy McDowall and Ray Milland, among others. He is responsible for hits such as Bob Hope's "A Masterpiece of Murder" and John Wayne's "Chisum."

"The Man with Bogart's Face" will be recorded live for the California Artists

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Local Band's Performance Drives It Home

■ **The City Drive enduces an encore at Hard Rock Café.**

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

Danny Smith smiles as he begins to answer the question, "I'm from Toronto, he's [Scott Waldman] from Long Island, the drummer's from West Covina, and um..."

"I got jock itch," Waldman says, finishing Smith's sentence as he joins the conversation.

Smith doesn't miss a beat, launching into a fictional story about being a doctor's assistant who, recruited Waldman to the band after being impressed by the size of his penis.

This isn't improv night at a comedy house. This is what it's like to hang out with The City Drive half an hour before show time at the Hard Rock Café.

Guitarist/lead singer Smith, bassist Waldman, and drummer Marc Precilla make up this magnetizing pop-punk/emo band.

Though the band may have a lighthearted sound, the lyrics sometimes take on a somber tone.

"It's about [how] even though everything sucks right now and you want to slit your wrists and you hate your life, someday, if you hang in there, you're going to get revenge and you can slit their wrists," Smith, describes what "Defeated," a song featured on their demo, is about.

When The City Drive took the stage the room was filled with a loose

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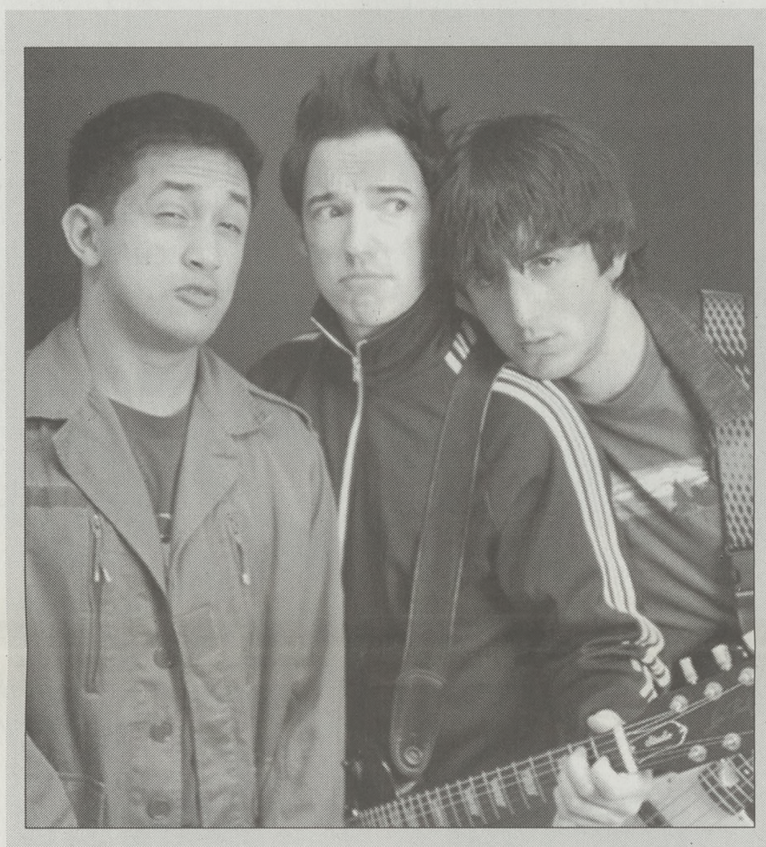

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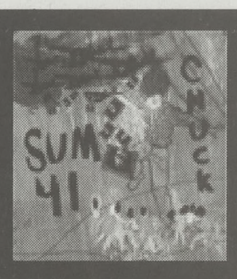
THAT DRIVING FORCE - Marc Precilla, Danny Smith and Scott Waldman make up The City Drive.

Hear a Harder, Softer Side of Sum!

■ **Sum 41 explores a softer sound with metal riffs.**



Sum 41
"Chuck"
Island Records
★★★★

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

Sum 41's new album "Chuck" starts with soft, melodic guitar and launches into one of the loudest, thrashiest songs the band has written.

In classic Sum 41 fashion, "Chuck" is filled with angry, angst-ridden songs complaining about society.

Lead singer Deryck Whibley continues to sing with the same pop-punk flare over metal-style guitar licks, categorizing Sum 41 as (dare I say it?) pop-metal.

However, this album also features something that Sum 41 has never explored - soft rock.

Before you go on a rampage, destroying every copy

please see *Sum* page 9

SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR

THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER - Pianist Twyla Meyer and Lisa Stidham get an ovation after their performance of a Benjamin Britten piece at Valley college's recital hall Thursday.

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"Slacker Uprising Tour" to campus. Approximately 50 student protesters picketed the event because of the controversial fee and Moore's strong political opinions.

"They used our student fees to fund this extremist speaker who is spreading lies," said Leslie Evans, 18, USC public relations major. "It isn't right. We don't have a republican speaker of equal caliber. Using student money for Michael Moore this close to the election is just wrong. He doesn't bring accurate information."

The visit was part of Moore's 60-city tour, which began Sept. 26 in Elk Rapids, Mich. and ends on Election Day in Tallahassee, Florida. Moore is appearing on college campuses to target student voters, who represent the largest block of non-voters in presidential elections.

During the show, Moore showed clips from his "Fahrenheit 9/11" DVD and offered Ramen noodles and clean underwear as prizes for students who registered to vote.

"Most Americans don't vote, and it's not all that hard to understand why," said Moore. "So, I'd like to offer them some incentives to give it a try, just this once. The 50 percent who are the non-voters are never called by pollsters and are usually ignored by candidates. Should just a few percentage points of the 100 million non-voters decide to show up on Nov. 2, watch out."

Moore said his goal is to get more than 56 percent of the qualified public voters to hit the polls in this election, something that hasn't happened since 1968.

Protesters chanted and waved Bush/Cheney signs throughout the event.

"I understand why some Bush supporters might be upset," Moore said. "I would be, too, if I only had a few weeks left in power."

Despite minor protests, the event was basically peaceful.

"I think it's great that Moore came out to reach young voters and get them to think about what their voting on," said USC student Ellen MacFarlan, 20, an art history major. "I can see why some people wouldn't want their student fee put toward it though."

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ful to have this opportunity to compete with other colleges," said Maltby. "I think it a great form of validation for students who work hard."

Photographer Tammy Abbott, who graduated last semester and moved on to Northridge, received two first place mail-in awards for sports action and feature photo.

The staff veterans weren't the only ones to come away with awards. New to the staff this semester, writer Chelsea Banks received a second-place award for on-the-spot editorial writing.

"All I hoped for was an honorable mention, so winning second place was the most awesome experience," Banks said. "I can't wait until next semester to compete again."

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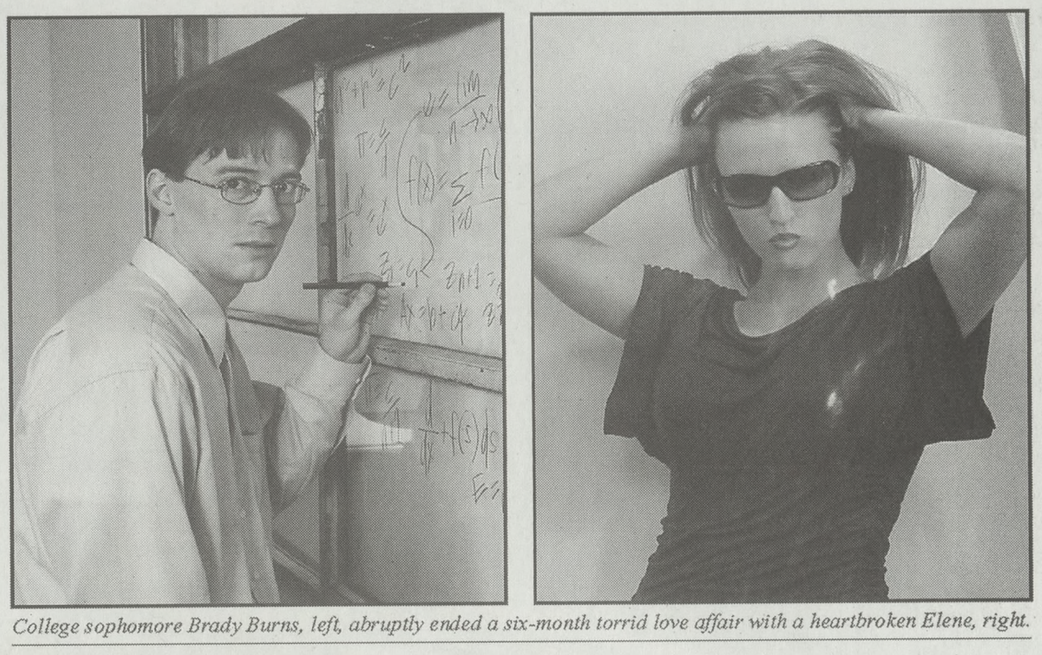

College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$ percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds.

"I loved her like a quadratic formula..."

"I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

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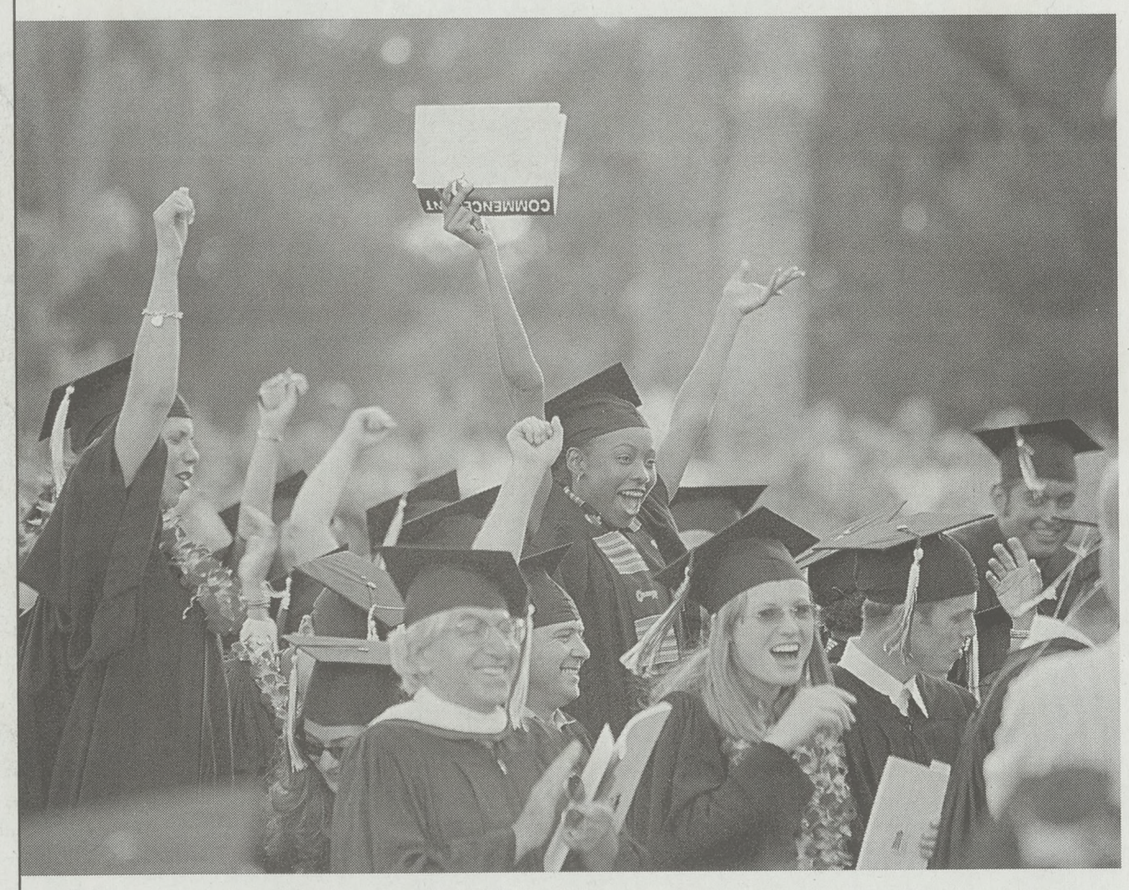

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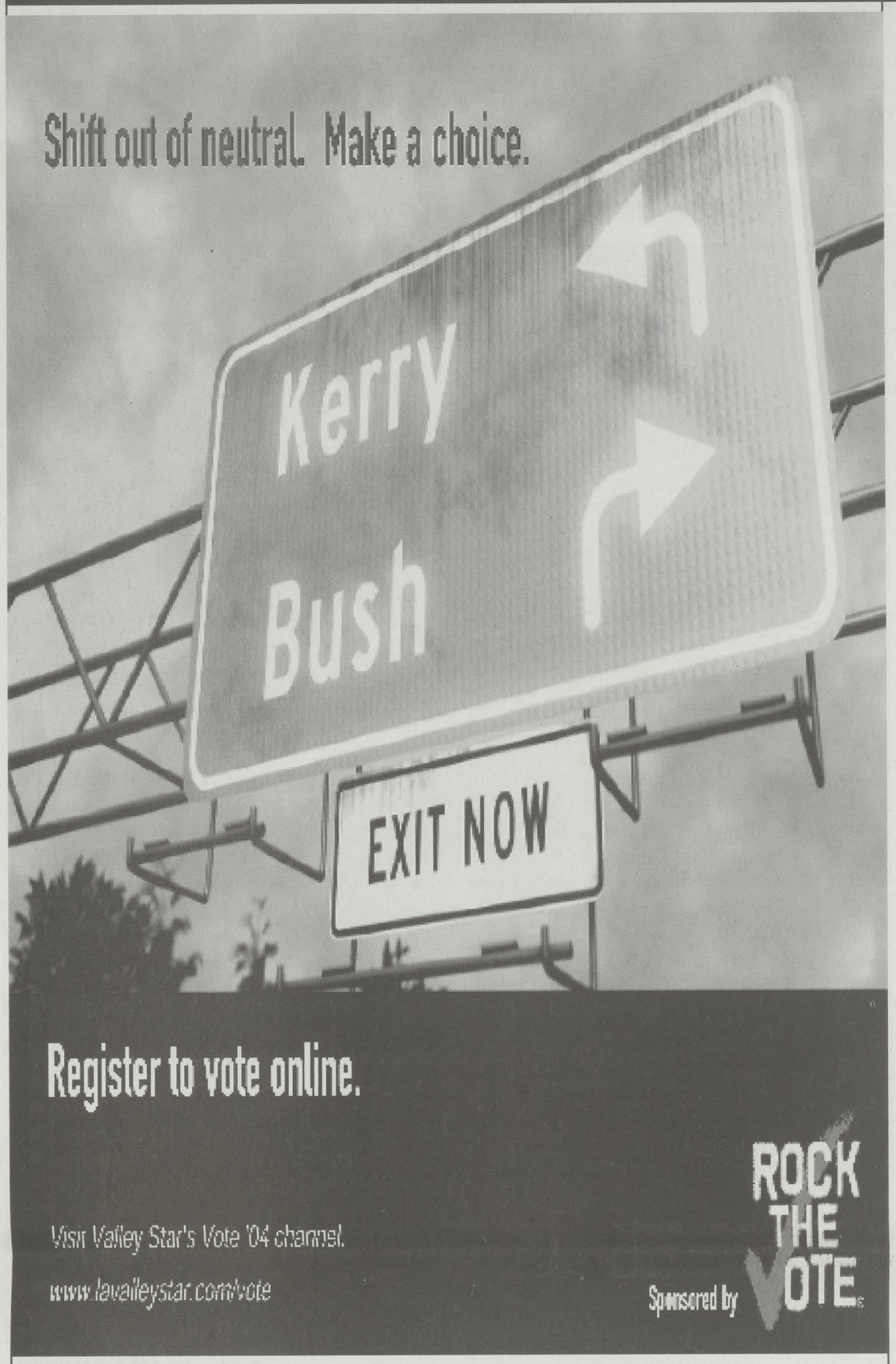

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Correctional Peace Officers Association Vice President Lance Corcoran. "It's going to put violent criminals back on the street immediately."

Proposition 70 – Tribal Gaming Compacts

Another proposition gaining a lot of attention is Proposition 70, which would allow any federally recognized tribe to operate as many casinos and as many slot machines as it wanted on its land, along with currently prohibited games such as craps and roulette. In return, the tribes would share their casinos' net revenues with the state, at a level equivalent to the corporate tax rate, which is currently 8.8 percent.

For most tribes, the current limit of a maximum of two casinos and 2,000 slot machines has posed few difficulties. Fewer than 20 tribes are at or near the 2,000-slot limit, and only one tribe operates the maximum of two casinos. Though, for most of those "big casino" tribes, the limits have posed very real problems.

"It's very simple: When we have customers standing in line on the weekends to play a slot machine, we need more machines, or they will go somewhere else," Deron Marquez, chairman of the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians in San Bernardino County, said.

Opponents, including Schwarzenegger, counter that the measure fails to give the state the ability to audit tribes' books and ensure they are actually paying right amount.

Proposition 68 – Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion

The opponents of Proposition 68 are sure that the proposition is bound to fail. Supporters recently stopped campaigning after spending $24 million.

Proposition 68 would authorize a group of 16 card rooms and racetracks to operate a total of up to 30,000 slot machines, unless Indian casino tribes agreed to share 25 percent of their slot machine revenue with local programs.

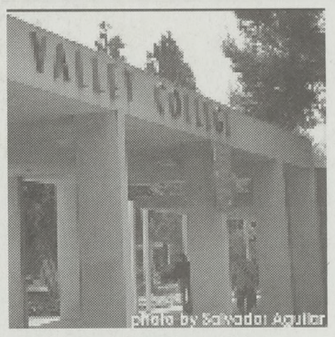
"We will stay on the air for the time being, although not at the same level," said 'No on 68' spokesman, Al Lundeen. "Proposition 68 will remain on the ballot even if they have quit campaigning, and we will continue to get our message out, vigorously opposing it."

Proposition 69 – DNA Sample Collection

This proposition would force people convicted of any felony to give a DNA sample, which could be used by law enforcement to identify and convict criminals. Current law only requires those convicted of a serious felony to render a sample.

Criminal penalties, such as fees for traffic tickets, would go up to help pay to keep track of more DNA samples.

For more information on any of the 16 propositions in the coming November election visit www.ca.gov.



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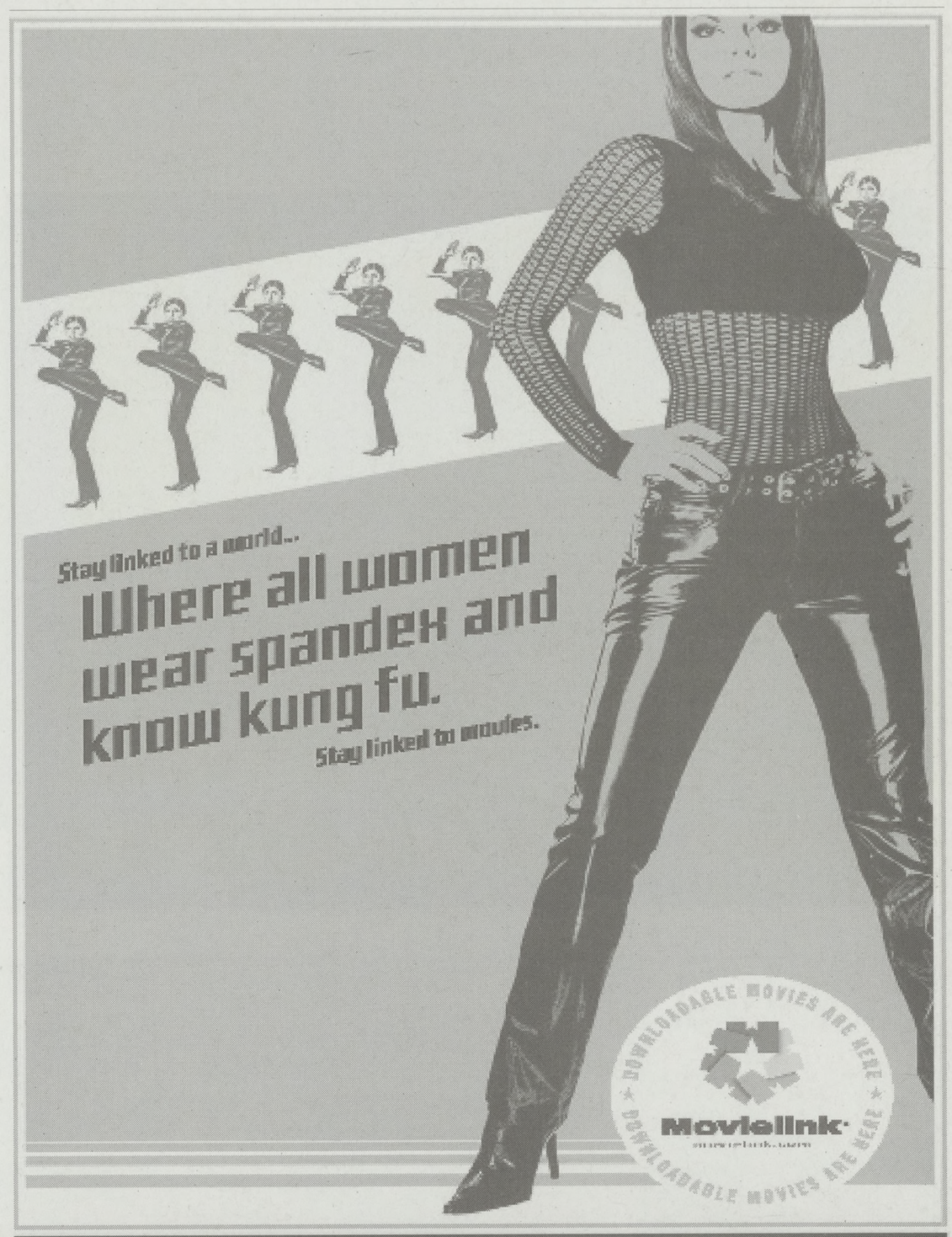
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of "Chuck" you can find, give it a listen and you'll discover the band actually achieves the sound quite well.

Don't think for a moment that this makes "Chuck" a soft-ballad album to play while making out with your significant other. It's far from it.

The best example of Sum 41's exploration of music styles is "We're All To Blame." The song's verses pump out Sum's signature loud metal/pop-punk crunch, while the mellow chorus sounds like it belongs in an emo ballad.

The only disappointment about this album is near the end of "I'm Not the One." Whibley's screams of "You take the best of me" sound a little too much like Linkin Park's "A Place for My Head" which says "You try to take the best of me."

However, the lyric theft was possibly intentional, considering that on their last album, "Does This Look Infected?," they lifted the chorus from Rancid's "Let Me Go."

Somehow, without straying too far from their previous style, Sum 41 has reinvented themselves, developing both a harder and softer sound at the same time while managing to sound good in the process. Don't believe me? Get the album.

'Bogart'

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Radio Theatre, the company Webber established 20 years ago to keep the art alive.

CART has recorded more than 100 shows, which can be heard on XM Radio, NPR and American Public Radio. Notable performers such as Shelley Long and the late Richard Crenna are among the many artists who bring their talents to tape for CART.

John Harla, who has lent his signature voice to the Emmys, Oscars and Grammys, can be heard announcing for "Bogart's Face."

This combined talent of performing, writing, directing and announcing is sure to leave the Main Stage Theatre audience in awe.

"Bogart's Face" will soon go on the road; Suncoast Hotel in Las Vegas has already booked the show for spring 2005, while Webber is negotiating with other venues.

"It will be a treat for the students to see all these veterans at work," Webber said. "These are all people who are experienced in what has become sort of a forgotten art."

"The Man with Bogart's Face" will run at Valley's Main Stage Theatre Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. $20 general admission, $15 seniors and students. For more information, call (818) 947-2623.

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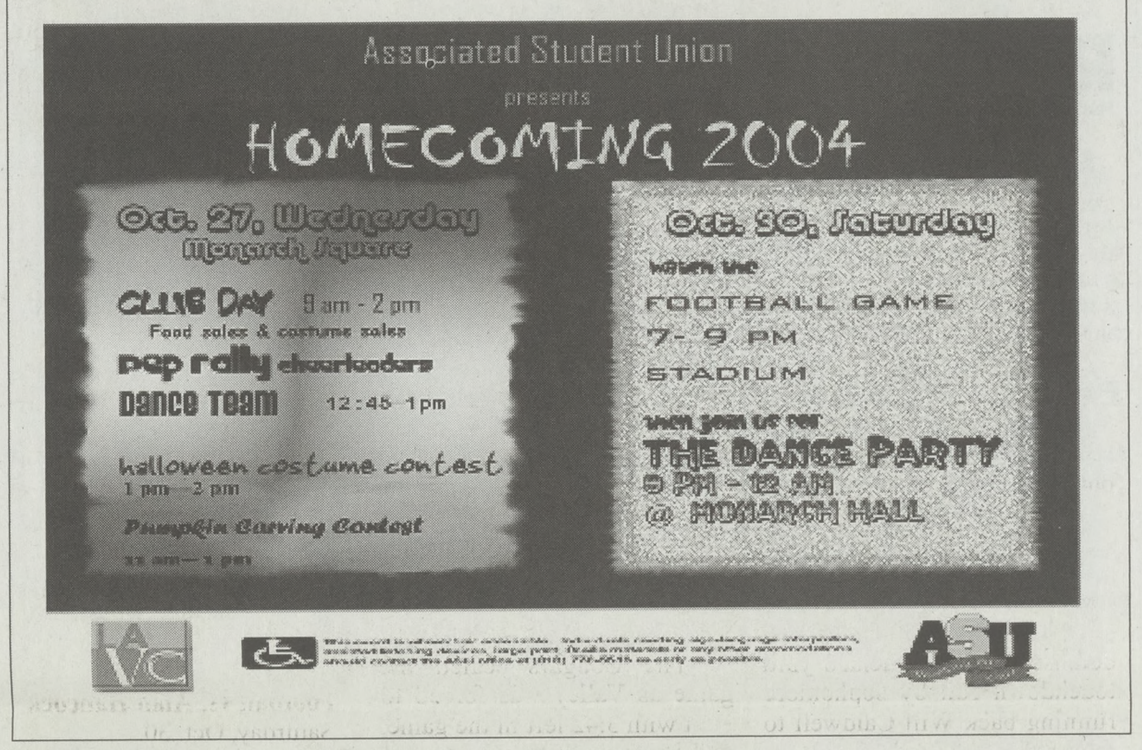
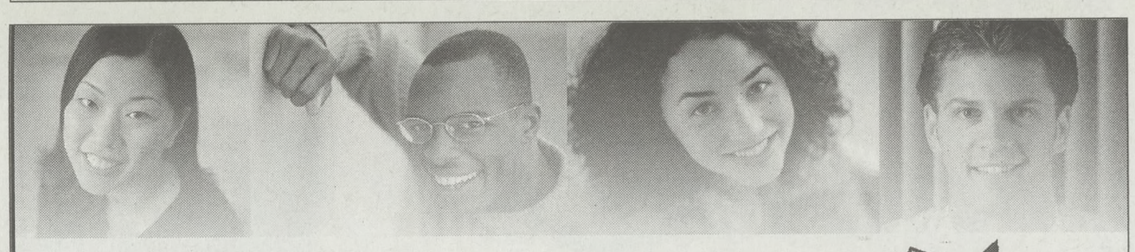
teaching duties and works solely on the operational aspects of the department's policies and procedures. The position is not only overseen by the college and shared governance, but also has to comply with various regulatory bodies.

Rosales couldn't be reached for comment.

The health science department leadership has changed hands four times over the past five years. They've also seen a new admissions policy, three new full time faculty members and new curriculum recommendations. Despite the various changes, Laurie Nalepa, dean of academic affairs, assures students that "the program is strong and will continue to get even stronger."

"There are a lot of great opportunities ahead for the faculty to share their talent and make our program the best," said Nalepa. "The recall was mainly a vote in favor of taking the department in a different strategic direction."





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degree so he could start teaching at the school.

In fall '63, Raskoff's teaching career took off.

In 1965, he became advisor to the flying club. "I got my license in '67 and I was the adviser 'till '72," he said. "We flew to Catalina, Lake Isabella and San Francisco. I have over 4,000 hours flying."

H still take them on field trips.

"Five years ago, we took a field trip to shark cages. We almost got busted; I didn't know one my students was a Valley Star reporter. She brought a photographer with her and later that week the photo was on the front page of the paper and the headline read 'Valley Students Swim With Sharks'!"

Raskoff's momentum in the classroom remains the same as it was his first day. His high energy gives him focus. "Some instructors try to do too much and they get burned out. It takes a toll on your body."

Raskoff's wife Sally, also an instructor at Valley, likes to keep things interesting in the classroom.

"I love demonstrations," he said. "I have an 8-foot tall tornado machine. I like to demonstrate to students how weather is involved in flying."

"I'll keep teaching until I feel I can't give 110 percent," he said. "As long as the students still get excited, I'll be here."

WilhemBleckmann started teaching at Valley in spring 1968 as a photography instructor. Like Raskoff, he started out as a student.

"While at Valley, I worked as news editor for the Valley Star. I also worked on Crown," said Bleckmann, who was the photo editor of Scepter, one of Valley's magazines, along with Crown.

With English as his second language, Bleckmann started out with only a few courses.

"Because I was studying in a second language, coming here to America in 1965, my first semester I only took seven units, heavy on journalism and photography," he said.

"I stayed at Valley College for two years," he continued. "My major at this particular time was English and journalism."

From Valley, Bleckmann went onto USC with a scholarship.

"I got a one-semester scholarship and then another," Bleckmann said. "I got my bachelor's degree in journalism – not photojournalism, but journalism. I didn't have to pay because of my work at Valley College with the Star, Scepter and Crown."

Bleckmann was asked to teach at Pepperdine Community College where she initiated a new journalism program. He started teaching two classes in the fall of '73 and by the spring of '74 he was teaching four classes, while also taking classes to earn his master's degree. He graduated with his master's degree in 1974.

"I was offered a full-time job at PCC," said Bleckmann. "Twenty-four other teachers wanted the job, but I was the only teacher who showed a portfolio."

"For thirty years I've been teaching these classes," said Bleckmann.

One of Bleckmann's former students is now a White House photographer while another works for the France Press in Paris. "It's rewarding," Bleckmann says of seeing his students move on to bigger things. "I emphasize hard work."

Bleckmann retired from PCC in June but is still teaching one class in addition to his photo class here at Valley. He also plans to have a photography exhibit next year.

"I'm going through all my negatives," said Bleckmann. "I'll have three showings with three categories: prominent people, children and action."

He laughs as he remembers that his move to this country was only supposed to be temporary. "When I came over here [to America], I thought I'd check it out and go back home to Germany. America's been good to me."

Roger Graham started off as a high school drop-out before moving to California and becoming a student at Valley.

"I came to Valley College in 1968 for one year and I've been here ever since," the Philadelphia native said. "This is the college of second chances."

Graham worked his way through college doing yard work and selling advertising for the Valley Star.

"I was first the advertising manager of the Valley Star, and I was the photographer and editorial writer," he continued. "I was the sophomore graduating class president and I was president of the journalism and photography clubs."

"I interviewed President Truman," he said. "I didn't know I couldn't just go up to him and start asking questions."

The only professor here with two professorships – in journalism and photography, Graham, also teaches a class on how to write a life story in Westchester at the Emerson Adult School. His class of 22 had their stories published last year in a book titled "We Remember WWII."

'Menchu'

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"I would have probably just gave up, she's pretty strong," said Dahlia Belisle, 26, liberal studies major.

Christian Zelaya, 24, business major, was born in El Salvador and understands the struggles that Menchu has been through. "We as a people, regardless of race, need to stick together to make this world a better place," said Zelaya.

At the end of the event, the Associated Student Union along with the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanalo de Aztlan [MECha] presented Menchu with a symbolic check for $300 to establish a scholarship fund in her name. This scholarship will be available for Chicano studies students.

Menchu also encouraged students not to be indifferent, to go out and vote.

"Don't leave your fate in the hands of others," Menchu said. "Change is made by society, change is made by all of you."

"Don't get lost in your dreams, do concrete work," Menchu added, "If I had only dreamed of winning the Nobel Prize, I would have never received it."

LAVC SCORES

M.Water Polo Alumni Game
(19-14 Alumni) 10/22/04
M.Water Polo Record: 10-6

W.Soccer@Pierce
(1-1 tie) 10/22/04
W.Soccer record: 4-9-2

Football vs. Canyons
(L48-45) 10/23/04
Football record: 2-5

LAVC SCHEDULE

Wednesday 10/27/04
M.Water Polo@Santa Monica 3 p.m.*
W.Water Polo@Santa Monica 4:15 p.m.*

Thursday 10/28/04
No Scheduled Games

Friday 10/29/04
W.Soccer vs. Citrus 4 p.m.

Saturday 10/30/04
Football vs. Allan Hancock 7 p.m.

Sunday 10/31/04
No Scheduled Games

Monday 11/01/04
No Scheduled Games

Tuesday 11/02/04
W.Soccer@Santa Monica
M.Water Polo@Fullerton 3 p.m.
W.Water Polo@Fullerton 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday 11/03/04
W.Water Polo vs. C.O.C* 7 p.m.

Thursday 11/04/04
No Scheduled Games

Friday 11/05/04
W.Soccer@Bakersfield 3 p.m.
M.Water Polo@WSC Tournament TBA
W.Water Polo@WSC Tournament TBA

Saturday 11/06/04
Cross Country@So. Cal.
Football@Ventura 5 p.m.

Sunday 11/07/04
No Scheduled Games

Monday 11/08/04
W.Soccer@Glendale 3 p.m.

Tuesday 11/09/04
No Scheduled Games

Wednesday 11/10/04
No Scheduled Games
* WSC Game

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MLB Playoffs

World Series
Boston vs. St. Louis
(6-2 Boston)
WP-Curt Schilling (1-0)
LP-Matt Moris (1-0)

Game 3
Boston@St. Louis 5 p.m.
TV: Fox 11
BOS-Pedro Martinez (0-0)
STL-Jeff Suppan (0-0)

NOTES

MLB
The Boston Red Sox were the first team in Major League history to come back from a 0-3 defecit and defeat the New York Yankees in 7 games to advance to the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

NFL
Kansas City Chiefs running backs Priest Holmes and Derrek Blaylock set a new NFL record as both backs scored 4 touchdowns each in a 56-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

NFL
Oakland wide receiver Jerry Rice was traded to the Seattle Seahawks for a 7th round conditional draft pick.

NFL
The New England Patriots defeated the New York Jets 13-7, and extended their unbeaten streak to 21 games.

NFL
The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Clevand Browns 34-31 in overtime to remain the only undefeated team in the NFC. The Patriots are the only undefeated team in the AFC.

NCAA Football
The USC Trojans, Oklahoma Sooners, and the Miami Hurricanes rounded out the top three spots in the BCS Standings that were released earlier this week.

NCAA Football
Florida Gator head coach Ron Zook will be dismissed after the completed of the Gators' season as Florida has dropped out of the rankings after a dismal 4-3 2004 start and a 8-5 finish and a loss in the Outback Bowl for the last two seasons.

NHL
The players association and the respectable team owners have yet to come to an agreement as the NHL season has come to it's one month lockout.

WSC FOOTBALL

Monarchs Fall Short 48-45 to Cougars

■ **Valley gives third-ranked COC Cougars a scare as Monarchs took a 24-14 lead into halftime.**

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing host to the College of the Canyons' Cougars, the Monarchs lost a sea-saw game to the nationally ranked Cougars 48-45 and had their record drop to a dismal 2-5.

After losing key games to Bakersfield, Moorpark and West Los Angeles, Valley looked to rebound against Canyons as the Monarchs took a 24-14 halftime lead against the No. 3 ranked team in the nation, but ended up falling short.

Despite the loss and the team's continued struggle throughout the season, the Monarchs are staying optimistic.

"It was a big game for us," said head coach Ron Ponciano. "When you play someone that good, you have to play with pride, and we did that."

Punting after their first offensive possession, the Monarchs struggled early defensively as Cougars' quarterback Cory Miles connected with running back Gerrell Cain for an 80-yard touchdown reception that gave Canyons an early 7-0 lead.

Valley quickly answered back, as wide receiver Max Parra scored on a two-yard touchdown run after running back Edric Prim gained crucial field position as Prim broke through the Cougar defense and gained 77 yards.

"Our running game really came alive tonight," said quarterback Brendon Doyle.

Doyle than hooked up with wide receiver Charles Harris on an 18-yard touchdown pass as Valley retook the lead 14-7 with 46 seconds left in the first quarter.

Kicker Christian Guardado extended Valley's 14-7 lead to 17-7 as the Monarch kicker successfully converted on a 37-yard field goal attempt.

The Cougars roared back and cut the lead to three as Miles ran it in and scored a 8-yard rushing touchdown after Miles hooked up on a 50-yard reception with receiver Chad Garrett.

Valley extended its lead 24-14 as the Monarchs drove down the field for more than five minutes as Parra scored on a three-yard pass from Doyle.

Defensive back Chris Green sealed the halftime lead as he intercepted a pass by Miles.

Canyons answered back on the first possession of the second half, as freshman receiver Devin Stearns scored on a 10-yard pass from Miles.

The defense stepped up when safety Lamane Dixon recovered a fumble as Canyons turned the ball over during a punt return, but was forced to punt again after Valley's offense failed to convert a first down.

Clawing back in the game, the Cougars scored on a 22-yard touchdown reception by sophomore tight-end Jason Lance, but kicker Jason Thompkins missed the P.A.T. to cut Valley's lead 24-20.

The Monarch defense answered back as cornerback Geoff Tisdale intercepted and scored a 32-yard touchdown after Miles' pass was deflected by defensive back Jerome Buchanan to push Valley's lead 31-27.

"Our defensive backs came out to play," said Tisdale. "We had some incredible takeaways today, and it was a great overall effort."

Failing to close the door on the Cougars, the Monarch defense gave up a crucial 6-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Will Caldwell to retake the lead 34-31.

Adding to their lead, Canyons scored on a 50-yard touchdown catch by Smith to push the lead to 41-31.

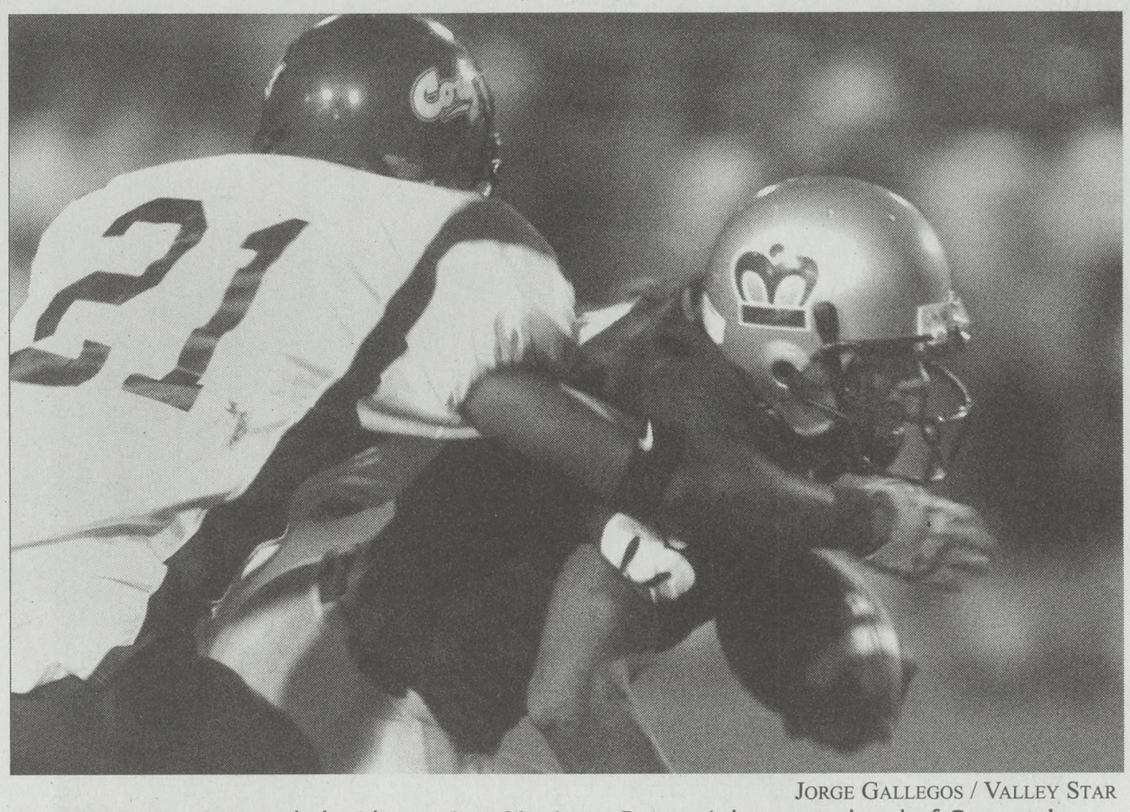
The Monarchs retook the lead 45-41 as defensive back Jerome Buchanan scored on a 60-yard interception return.

Answering back, Canyons regained the lead for good as Caldwell scored the game-winning three-yard touchdown run to give the Cougars a 48-45 lead.

The Cougars sealed the game as Valley was forced to punt with 3:42 left in the game, and by taking a knee on consecutive downs with less than two minutes left.

Ponciano said that there are many things that the Monarchs need to work on as a team in order to be successful the rest of the season.

"If we make some changes, we will run the table and win our last three games," Ponciano said.



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ON THE RUN – Monarchs' wide receiver Maximus Parra, right, runs ahead of Cougars' defensive back Kris Theus in Valley's 48–45 loss to College of the Canyons Oct. 23.

COMING UP

Football vs. Alan Hancock
Saturday, Oct. 30.

Raging Rivalry Heats Up as Valley Earns Tie

■ **Playing in front of a hostile crowd, Monarchs come up big in the clutch and hold Brahmas to one goal.**

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GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY – MONARCH GOALKEEPER SYDNEY STERK BLOCKS A SHOT ON GOAL AGAINST THE PIERCE BRAHMAS OCT. 22 AT THE PIT IN WOODLAND HILLS. STERK BLOCKED FIVE

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

The already fierce rivalry with the Pierce College Brahmas came to a climax on the field Friday as the Lady Monarchs fought an intense match that included more than 15 fouls being called and resulted in a 1-1 tie.

Playing a very physical and raucous game, things got heated many times as Valley and Pierce struggled to gain momentum during the game.

"I guess they just hate us," said freshman mid-fielder Myriam Lemailloux, who scored the first and only goal for the Lady Monarchs in the 22nd minute of the first half. "But, it was beautiful for us to [tie] this game."

Coming into the game with a record of 4-9-1, the Lady Monarchs looked to avenge a 6-1 loss suffered earlier this season at home against the second place Brahmas that have amassed a record of 8-3-2.

"This game was big for us," said Lady Monarchs' head coach Erick Archila. "It's becoming a tradition for Pierce to win the division. And for us to come in and earn a tie against them is huge."

Lady Monarch Sydney Sterk took the brunt of the Brahmas' attack as the sophomore goalkeeper was hit continually throughout the game. Though Sterk was banged up, the goalkeeper stopped all 14 shots taken by Pierce in the second half and had a clutch performance.

The Brahmas' sophomore midfielder Brittany Coffin scored her 19th goal of the year as Coffin drove and faked out three Valley defenders before scoring the goal.

Valley held Pierce scoreless in the second half, even though the Lady Monarchs were out shot 14-2.

"Because the score was tied, we went into a defensive mindset in order to shut them down," said sophomore defender Lilibeth Castaneda.

Castaneda also explained that the offense became a non-factor in the game as the Lady Monarchs wished to contain the very fast and dangerous Brahmas.

"Today's game was one of the most physical games [the team] has played this season," explained Archila. "We're very excited going into our last three games."

The Lady Monarchs are off on a bye next Tuesday and will resume play next Friday against Citrus College at home.

COMING UP

W. Soccer vs. Citrus
Friday, Oct. 29

W. Soccer @ Santa Monica
Monday, Nov. 2

Water Polo: Alumni Game Recap

BY TAMMY FUNICELLO
STAFF WRITER

As the Valley College men's water polo season starts to wind down, the team is trying to accomplish something that has never been done before in men's water polo history. That is finish in first place in the conference.

The Monarchs are currently in first place with a 4-0 conference record, and a 10-6 record overall.

Valley is fighting to maintain first place as conference play winds down.

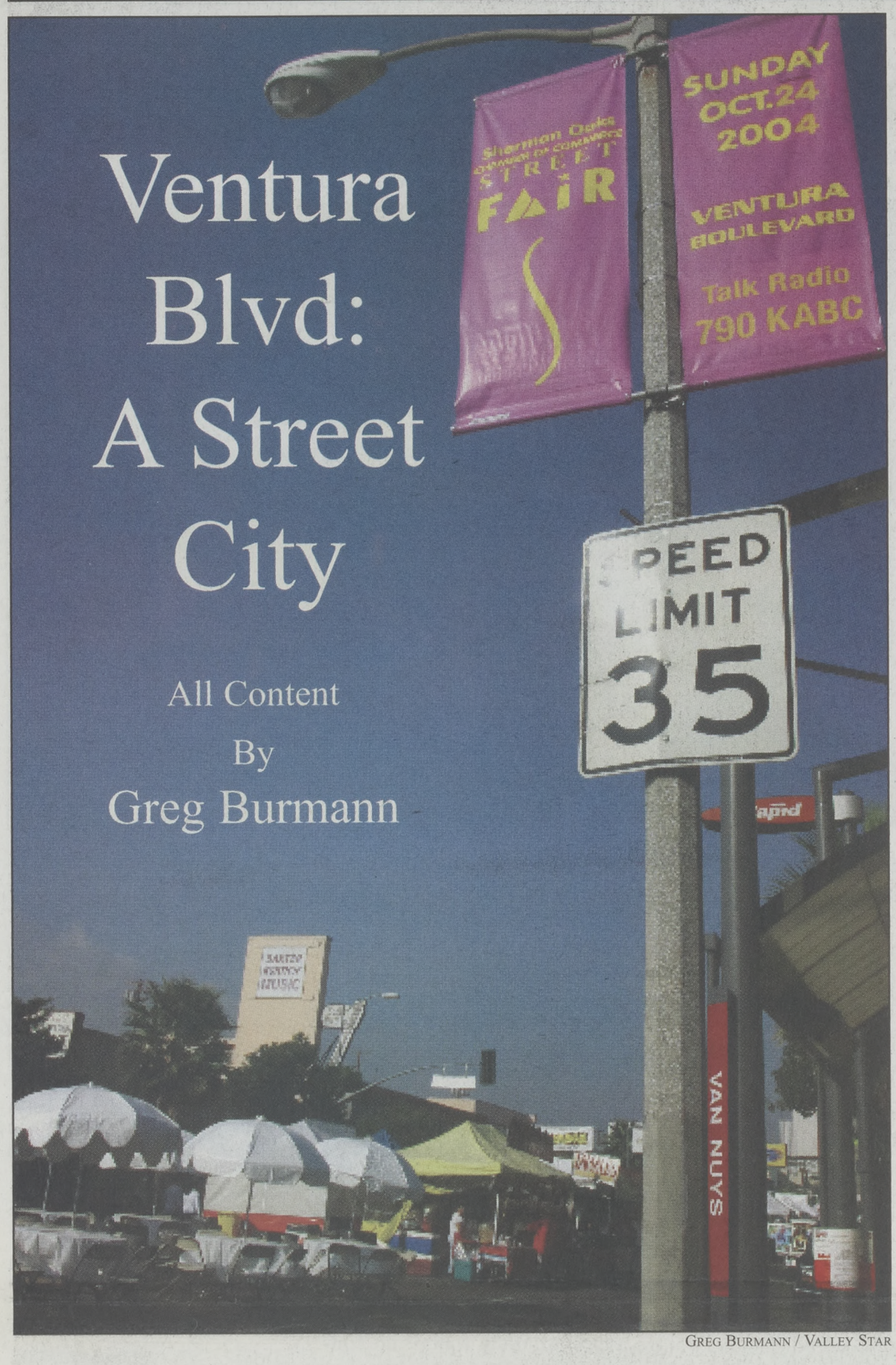
"We still have a lot of work to do to win the number one seed," said head coach Jim McMillan.

The team played an alumni game last Friday, as former Valley water polo players came back to play against the current team. The alumni won 19-14, but that was more of a training session to the team, according to McMillan.

"This season is going real well," said McMillan. "The kids are working really hard and we are getting better as the season goes on. This is right where we wanted to be at this point in the season."

"This is my first year here and this is the first time the team has accomplished this, so I am really happy with how we are doing so far," said McMillan.

Valley's last home game is on Wednesday against Santa Monica College.



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HANDLE WITH CARE - Twani of Perfumes of Araby handles her snake, Abu, during a street performance on Ventura Blvd. Oct. 24.

Sherman Oaks residents came out to Ventura Boulevard to take part in the 14th Annual Sherman Oaks Street fair on Sunday, Oct. 23. Vendors set up from Van Nuys Boulevard to Kester Avenue, offering everything from food to home financing. The festivities began at 10 a.m. and the smell of food was already in the air. The sun was out, but the occasional clouds helped keep the temperature a about 70 degrees.

With plenty of entertainment, including various performers appearing on two stages, the atomposhere was lively. Children had their share of entertainment such as rock climbing, and games for prizes. If those didn't draw interest, children could ride horses.

The event successfully ended at 6 p.m. with vendors beginning to clean up and residents heading home. Police drove along the path to get residents out of the street so traffic could once again go through Ventura Boulevard.

Last year the event, which has a purpose of showcasing local business, drew a record crowd of more than 100,000 people who dropped by to enjoy the festivities, which made it San Fernando Valley's largest community event of the year. Sherman Oaks public schools have been the main beneficiaries with $250,000 being rasied up to 2004's fair.

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CROWD PLEASER - Zina Morgan and Valley College's Roberto Gutierrez enjoy sweet roasted corn at the 2004 Sherman Oaks Street Fair Oct. 26.

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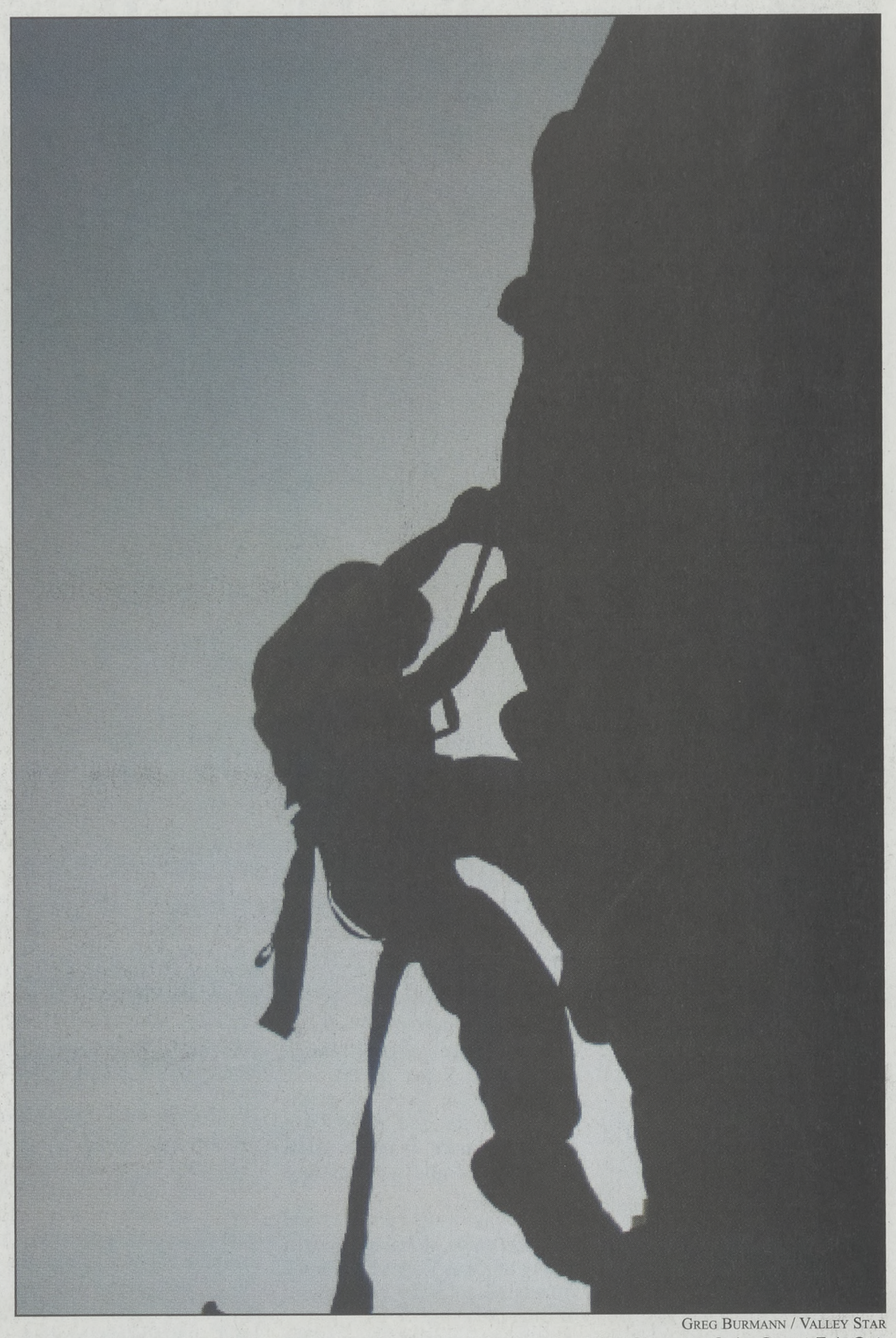
CLOSING TIME - Police announce to any left over residents to get off the street after the street fair Sunday.



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CLIFFHANGER - Gavin McGroarty climbs the Quantum Rock at the 2004 Sherman Oaks Street Fair Oct. 26. The event that graces Ventura Blvd. is in its 14th year.